

(1) Adopt new Section 1031.2 to read:

1031.2 Licensure of Clinical Cytogeneticist Scientists.

(a) Each person performing high complexity tests or examinations in the specialty of cytogenetics in a licensed clinical laboratory shall possess a valid clinical cytogeneticist scientist license except for the following persons:

(1) A physician and surgeon licensed by the State to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 5 of division 2 of the Business and Professions Code; or

(2) A clinical cytogeneticist licensed to direct a cytogenetics laboratory pursuant to chapter 3; or

(3) A clinical laboratory bioanalyst licensed pursuant to chapter 3; or

(4) A clinical laboratory scientist licensed pursuant to chapter 3.

(b) In order to be eligible for licensure as a clinical cytogeneticist scientist, an applicant shall:

(1) Hold a baccalaureate or an equivalent or higher degree, which shall include at least 25 semester or 38 quarter hours in biology, chemistry or clinical laboratory science from an accredited college or university, and

(2) Provide evidence of satisfactory performance on a written examination in the specialty of cytogenetics administered by the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel (NCA), and either:

(A) On or after March 14, 2003, have completed at least one year training and/or experience in clinical cytogenetics in a clinical laboratory certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in clinical cytogenetics. This training

shall be approved by the department pursuant to Section 1035 and acceptable for admission to an examination by the NCA in the specialty of cytogenetics; or  
(B) Prior to March 14, 2003, have completed training and/or experience in clinical cytogenetics, which is acceptable for admission to an examination by the NCA in the specialty of cytogenetics, in a clinical laboratory certified by CMS in clinical cytogenetics or in histopathology (cytogenetics).

Note: Authority cited: Section 1224, 1261, and 1261.5, Business and Professions Code; and Section 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1203, 1205, 1206, 1206.5, 1210, 1222.5, 1261, 1261.5, 1262, 1282, and 1286, Business and Professions Code.

(2) Adopt new Section 1031.3 to read:

1031.3 Licensure of Clinical Genetic Molecular Biologist Scientists.

(a) Each person performing high complexity tests or examinations in the subspecialty of genetic molecular biology in a licensed clinical laboratory shall possess a valid clinical genetic molecular biologist license except for the following persons:

(1) A physician and surgeon licensed by the State to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 5 of division 2 of the Business and Professions Code; or

(2) A clinical genetic molecular biologist licensed to direct a genetics laboratory pursuant to chapter 3; or

(3) A clinical laboratory bioanalyst licensed pursuant to chapter 3; or

(4) A clinical laboratory scientist licensed pursuant to chapter 3.

(b) In order to be eligible for licensure as a clinical genetic molecular biologist scientist, an applicant shall hold a baccalaureate or an equivalent or higher degree in a biological or clinical laboratory science, or field related to genetics from an accredited college or university; and

(1) Have completed at least one year training and/or experience in clinical genetic molecular biology in a clinical laboratory certified by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), performing high complexity testing in clinical genetic molecular biology. This training and/or experience shall be acceptable for admission to an examination by the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel (NCA) in the specialty of molecular biology.

On or after March 14, 2003, this training shall be approved by the department pursuant to Section 1035; and

(2) Provide evidence of satisfactory performance on a written examination in molecular biology administered by the NCA.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1224, 1261, and 1261.5, Business and Professions Code; and Section 100275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1203, 1205, 1206, 1206.5, 1210, 1222.5, 1261, 1261.5, 1262, 1282, and 1286, Business and Professions Code.